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## Seattle Art Fair Announces Exhibitor Highlights and Cultural Partners for 7th Edition, Taking Place from July 27th through 30th at Lumen Field Event Center

Seattle Art Fair - a one-of-a-kind showcase for the vibrant arts community of the Pacific Northwest and leading destination for the best in modern and contemporary art - returns to the Lumen Field Event Center from July 27th to 30th for the fair's 7th edition. Sponsored by Bank of America, and Christie's, the fair will feature an exceptional lineup of renowned artists, local and international galleries, and an exhilarating program of events, talks, and more meticulously curated by revered Artistic Director, Nato Thompson, all of which are sure to ignite inspiration among art enthusiasts, collectors, and all who attend.

Thompson is working alongside **Beneficiary Partner Seattle Art Museum** and the fair's dedicated **Host Committee** - made up of influential industry leaders bringing together a wealth of expertise and passion - to curate an exceptional and diverse art experience for attendees. Together they've built out the 7th edition as a continuation of Seattle Art Fair's consistent commitment to providing a platform that celebrates diverse perspectives and pushes the boundaries of artistic expression; all of which have allowed it to become a focal point of the cultural calendar. Originally founded by the late Paul G. Allen and now owned and produced by AMP Events (a co-producer of the since its inception in 2015), Seattle Art Fair is a celebrated and productive week bringing together the region's strong collector base, the Pacific Northwest's top museums and institutions, and an array of innovative public programming.

Part of that includes the fair's relationship with Seattle Art Museum. Reignited in 2022, the leading visual art institution in the Pacific Northwest will be the fair's beneficiary partner through 2024, inviting year-round opportunities for collaboration, access to the museum's engaging exhibitions and collections, and educational and public programming. The Museum will host a booth this year featuring bold works in a variety of mediums from six artists exclusively represented by SAM Gallery, which is marking 50 years of celebrating emerging, mid-career, and established local artists from the Northwest.

Seattle Art Fair is also collaborating with a number of other prominent, esteemed partners to further connect with collectors, galleries and attendees in innovative ways. This year, **Bank of America** will present the inaugural feature program called 'New Artists / New Collectors,' an initiative designed to foster relationships between collectors and new galleries and new artists that are offering fresh perspectives. The program will feature 10 artworks that seek to expand patrons collective definitions and

understandings of the contemporary art space. Additionally, **Henry Art Gallery** will present daily performances by Fox Whitney, choreographer/architect of Gender Tender, an interdisciplinary performance project that centers his queer and transgender point of view. The fair will also continue to highlight the region's museums and institutions by showcasing a curated selection of fifteen cultural partner booth spaces within the fair.

This year's Seattle Art Fair will also include an impressive lineup of exhibitors, featuring around 80 local, national, and international galleries. Featured presentations will include a number from respected regional institutions, inclusive of **J.Rinehart Gallery**, highlighting a number of female artists exploring landscape and emotional abstraction, **Stonington Gallery** showcasing contemporary masterworks from the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, and **Smith & Vallee**, who have curated never-before-seen bronze and glass sculptures by Seattle-based artists. Representing Portland and its dedication to contemporary art are **PDX Contemporary**, sharing conceptual work that will be both "intellectually and visually satisfying," **Russo Lee Gallery** with a focused presentation on regional artists, and **Mullowney Printing**'s display of screen prints and letterpress editions by leading contemporary artists.

Outside of the Pacific Northwest, the fair will also include New York-based **BDDW**, a space dedicated to timeless design, expert craftsmanship, and forward-thinking manufacturing processes, Paris' **Nil Gallery**, with a program that focuses on promoting emerging and established contemporary artists from around the world with a special focus on Western Africa, and Tokyo's **A Lighthouse called Kanata**, a gallery devoted to the reinterpretation of contemporary Japanese art in the 21st century.

In addition to the fair's major sponsors <u>Bank of America</u>, and <u>Christie's</u>, additional support comes from sponsors: <u>Volvo</u>, <u>Elysian Brewing</u>, <u>Ketel One Vodka</u>, <u>Bulleit Bourbon</u>, <u>San Simeon Wines</u>, <u>Perkins Coie</u>, <u>The Stranger</u>, <u>Vibe</u>, and more.

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## **HOURS, LOCATION & TICKETING**

Learn more about the 2023 Seattle Art Fair at: <a href="https://seattleartfair.com/">https://seattleartfair.com/</a>

Lumen Field Event Center 800 Occidental Ave S Seattle, WA 98134

Seattle Art Fair Opening Preview: Thursday, July 27th

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Public Fair Hours: Friday, July 28th | 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 29th | 11:00am - 7:00pm Sunday, July 30th | 11:00pm - 6:00pm

## **ABOUT AMP:**

AMP is a creative events firm that designs, builds, promotes and produces important cultural experiences worldwide. Since 2011, AMP has produced art fairs that focus on a high quality and engaging fair experience by connecting collectors with galleries in the most optimal settings. AMP's current portfolio contains four major art fairs including Art on Paper, Art Market Hamptons, Art Market San Francisco, and Seattle Art Fair. AMP is a division of <u>a21</u>.

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